

SPAC Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2005

1. Meeting called to order 12:34 p.m.
2. Minutes approved from 12/10/04 meeting.
3. Jenny Chambers – DEQ PWS Operator Certification Program Manager
Discussed logistics of the PWS operator certification program, training requirements, education opportunities that currently exist in her program. Discussion then centered around voluntary certification for STP's, with concern expressed about "voluntary" certification possibly not having participation from the majority of the licensed pumpers. However, in the current Montana solid waste program, the voluntary certification program that is available (MOLO) has >95% participation. Recently, National Association of Wastewater Transporters (NAWT) secured an EPA grant to put together a pumper certification program – perhaps Montana can use NAWT training, with modification, as necessary. Certification program will contain continuing education requirements to maintain certification.
4. Rick Thompson and John Ward provided a legislative update – fee increase bill passed and signed. Fee increase effective 7/1/05. Bill passed to develop cleanup standards for meth-labs.
5. Discussion of SPAC representation by region How to receive input from regions lacking representation – issue for discussion at 6/24/05 meeting. How do other committee's handle representatives signed up but have not participated.
6. Training topics – discussed development of 'need to know' list :
 - a. Recordkeeping
 - b. Laws and rules
 - c. Equipment selection and maintenance
 - d. Site management/site operation
 - e. Meth lab recognition
 - f. Application on frozen ground
 - g. Truck rinsing – how/where?
 - h. Sump waste pumping
7. Develop survey to send to licensed pumpers for input on training topics/modules.
8. **Next Meeting Date – JUNE 24, 2005 – 12:30 – 3:00 pm – Room 111/Metcalf**
9. Agenda items for next meeting:
 - a. Finalize survey for training input (see attached draft)
 - b. Review NAWT information/training programs (see attached information)
10. Meeting adjourned 2:55 p.m.